JOY IN THE SPIRIT

Ps 118:24; Ps 95:1-3

Ps 90:13-15-as followers of Jesus who live, are led by & walk in the power of Holy Spirit we have Spirit empowered JOY!

Jesus was filled with the Spirit (Lk 3:22), led by the Spirit (Lk 4:1), ministered in the power (anointing of the Spirit (Lk 4:14, 18), rejoiced in the Spirit (Lk 10:21), was raised from the dead by the Spirit (Ro 8:11), so that we, born again by the Spirit, receive & be filled with the Spirit and, in Christ through His Spirit have joy in salvation, joy in forgiveness, joy in obedience, Spirit empowered joy, hope of eternal joy!

\*The Lord has put on my heart to share from the scriptures that we have these things & more & more must believe, receive & live them

JOY = chara =delight; gladness; verb = rejoice

* Joy in salvation: rejoice in His gift of salvation (Ro 6:23), Ps 35:9; 13:5; 9:14; 21:1-“I will rejoice in Your salvation”; “My heart, my soul, shall rejoice in Your salvation”, Ro 5:11-we just do this!
* The joy of forgiveness: Ps 32:1-2 (NLT)
* Joy in obedience: Heb 12:2. For Jesus, bringing us into fellowship the Father was His joy (delight). The cross was the means to that joy. The joy of His accomplished purpose (Isa 53:11), His Father would be glorified & He would be glorified with the glory He had with His Father before the world was. (Jn 17:1, 4-5) being the reward for His obedience “even unto death”. (Phil 2:8)

Jn 15:11 (Jn 17:13)-These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full. These things: 1-11-abide (remain, stay, wait for) in Christ, keep His commandments & you will bear much fruit which glorifies God the Father & proves that we are His disciples. Everything we do is for the glory of God! When we are obedient to these Words of Jesus, our joy becomes full through Christ’s own joy within us.

Jesus is an example of joyful obedience-He found joy in fulfilling the will of His Father. Just as Jesus found great joy in obeying the will of His Father (Jn 4:34), followers of Jesus will also have the same joy which is our strength. (Neh 8:10) By surrendering our wills to God’s will, we can know the fullness of joy!

Jesus’s act of willful obedience resulted in His triumph-and ours, through faith in Him-triumph over satan, sin, flesh (self) & death

* Joy in the Holy Spirit: Where does joy come from? Circumstances?-no! Earthly or material things?-no! Is it a fleeting emotion?-no! Joy is a divine quality of character that is possessed & given only by God; it is rooted in relationship with Holy Spirit-the third Person of the Trinity.

-when we are born again by the Spirit of God (Jn 3:6-7), we receive Holy Spirit as promised (Jn 14:15-17; Jn 16:7; Jn 20:22) & baptized in Holy Spirit-Acts 8, 10

-Jn 14-16-Jesus tells us about Holy Spirit

-Gal 5:22-23-Fruit of the Spirit = only Holy Spirit can produce them, metaphorically that which originates or comes from something; an effect, result, equivalent to work, act

Holy Spirit empowered joy overpowers all adversity & cannot be destroyed by:

-persecution-\*Heb 10:34; Mt 5:11-12

-suffering-Ro 5:3-4-rejoice because suffering produces endurance which produces character & hope of eternal joy; Ro 8:18; 1 Peter 4:12-13

-trials-1 Peter 1:6-7; Ja 1:2-3-rejoice when your faith is tested

-sorrow-2 Co 6:10

-a death sentence-Phil 1:21-25

* Hope of eternal joy

We have been saved by grace through faith in Jesus & we now stand in this grace (favor) & rejoice in the hope that when Jesus returns we will see Him in all His glory. We will marvel at His glory & He will be glorified in His saints! (Ro 5:1-2; Col 1:27; 2 Thess 1:10)

Lk 10:20-a greater reason to rejoice is that our names are written in heaven; rejoice, be glad, delight in this truth

Jn 16:22-joy of being reunited with Jesus when He returns

1 Peter 1:3-9-a heavenly inheritance

Hope of eternal joy set before us helps us, like Jesus, to endure adversity, suffering & death.

Hope of eternal joy set before us makes us more than conquerors-Ro 8:35-39

\*I encourage you to delight in God (Ps 16:11) & His Word (Ps 19:8; 119:162; Jer 15:16)

Believe, receive & live according to the Word in the power of Holy Spirit

\*Ro 15:13-the effect of believing is to produce JOY & peace by means of the powerful operation of Holy Spirit; JOY we have by the power of Holy Spirit

\*Gal 5:16-17-walk in the Spirit & you will not carry out the desire of the flesh; 24-25-those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions & desires & live by the Spirit

\*Acts 13:52-and the disciples were continually filled with JOY & with the Holy Spirit

\*1 Thess 1:6-7-having received the Word in much tribulation with the JOY of the Holy Spirit, you became imitators of the Lord, others who are following Jesus & have become an example to all the believer

\*Ro 14:17-the kingdom of God is righteousness & peace & JOY in the Holy Spirit and those who serve Christ in this way is acceptable to God & approved by men